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Happenings at GSU

- 17 Student Life Blood Drive, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Engbretson Hall.
- 20 Board of Governors Universities meeting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., University Theatre.
- 20 Faculty Senate Meeting, 1 to 3 p.m., E-Lounge.
- 21 Community College Forum, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., E-Lounge
- 22 "Literary Chicago," 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Hall of Honors. Also on 2/22.
- 22 "Traditions in Black Music," 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. performance, Hall of Governors and University Theatre.

Efforts to enhance cultural diversity could be awarded

Your efforts on behalf of others could make you the recipient of the Cultural Diversity and Affirmative Action Award.

The GSU Advisory Committee for Cultural Diversity and Affirmative Action is accepting nominations through March 2 for this award.

The GSU Foundation is underwriting three \$200 prizes to be given to any unit or organization at GSU that has made significant contributions in enhancing cultural diversity and/or affirmative action on behalf of women, minorities or persons with disabilities. The prize money must be used to further equal opportunities and equal treatment for all at GSU.

Nominations may be nominated by others or by themselves.

The criteria for nomination follows.

Nominees must have developed and implemented specific strategies, such

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SMA students acquire job skills at GSU

Have you noticed someone new on the cafeteria staff? **Lawrence Barrett** has been hired by Ace Coffee Bar to clean the tables and collect the trays. While students at GSU continue their education to move away from menial jobs, the on-the-job training Barrett and other mentally and physically handicapped students are receiving could land them a similar position once they leave.

Barrett of University Park, **Mike Sippel** of Peotone who's working in the bookstore, and **Mike Guzik** of Dolton who's employed in the Campus Community Center are part of an experimental South Metropolitan Association (SMA) program at Governors State.

The South Metropolitan Association is a cooperative association of elementary and high schools that provides special education services for children with low-incidence handicaps through age 21.

In the case of Barrett, Sippel, Guzik and **Nick Polum** of Park Forest, SMA has provided educational and living skills since they were small. Today they are part of the Center for Adaptive Programming (CAP) which offers them training for maximum functional independence.



Lawrence Barrett is busy cleaning tables in the cafeteria as part of his job training with SMA.

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Weekend College program serves nearly 700 students at GSU

Weekend College served nearly 700 students last trimester. That outstanding showing is what **Dr. Dominic Candeloro** had hoped for when he first suggested offering students the option to enroll in courses Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and afternoons, and on Sundays. The program was initiated in Fall 1989.

The Weekend College idea of having students earn a degree by attending only weekend classes hasn't been the big draw. A survey of fall trimester enrollees shows only a small number of the more than 200 respondents are taking only Weekend College classes.

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Cafeteria Menu

(Week of February 17 to 21)

Monday—Chicken barley soup.
Mostaccioli with meat sauce and
garlic bread.

Tuesday—Beef rice soup. Salisbury
steak platter; grilled chicken breast
sandwich.

Wednesday—Cream of chicken soup.
Mexican steak burrito; grilled
Reuben sandwich.

Thursday—Turkey vegetable soup.
Arrozo con pollo platter; hot meat-
ball sandwich.

Friday—Cream of vegetable soup.
Tuna noodle casserole; fish fillet
sandwich.

(Week of February 24 to 28)

Monday—Cream of broccoli soup. Ital-
ian chicken cacciatore platter; grilled
ham and cheese sandwich.

Tuesday—Beef barley soup. Turkey
Oriental over rice; sloppy Joe sand-
wich.

Wednesday—Chicken noodle soup.
Baked meatloaf platter; Monte Cristo
sandwich.

Thursday—Turkey rice soup. Veal
Parmesan with spaghetti, red sauce
and garlic bread; bacon cheesebur-
ger.

Friday—Manhattan clam chowder
soup. Fried catfish nuggets, cole-
slaw and fries; grilled cheese sand-
wich.

(Menu subject to change.)

Faculty Profile

Prof finds teaching a satisfying profession

By Marilyn Thomas

Dr. Mohammed Kishta says he found his niche in the fourth grade when he started tutoring in math and English.

"I teach because I enjoy it. It's a very satisfying profession," the math, physics and science education professor explains.

Many would prefer to shy away from Dr. Kishta's classes, especially physics, arguing it's too hard a subject or of little value. But the learned scholar believes that is only because students are not always properly trained in math before coming to his physics class. Too often students have the qualitative, but not the quantitative knowledge, he notes.

"What's so phenomenal about physics," Dr. Kishta says, "is the problem solving. Physics permeates into all fields, for example, biophysics and geophysics. It integrates all areas of learning."

It was the Soviet Union's Sputnik space race that "changed the nation (United States) and democratized physics, and had Americans recognize the value of physics on all sciences," the professor says. It also helped remove the stigma of physics as an elitist field, he adds.

But Dr. Kishta is just as comfortable getting down to the basics of science when he teaches in the science education curriculum for teachers. This includes the course "Investigations in Scientific Thought" in which the professor introduces his students to scientists and their achievements, and the impact of their discoveries on science,

technology and society in general.

"Scientists can be fanatics" about their work, he notes, but most don't recognize the effects of their discoveries. "What seemed trivial experiments were major advances."

Dr. Kishta also leads the education majors in simple scientific experiments. The intention of the classes he says "is to lead to exploration by their students" when they are in the classroom.

Dr. Kishta took a circuitous route to GSU. A native of Palestine, his family left as refugees in 1948 during the establishment of Israel. They settled in Jordan where they still live.

An excellent student, Dr. Kishta was given a scholarship to high school in Kuwait. After graduation he worked two years but decided he wanted to earn a college degree. He studied German with hopes of going to Germany, but since he was fluent in English, he moved to Canada and attended the University of Manitoba for three years before transferring to Moorhead State University in Minnesota, earning a bachelor's degree.

He then enrolled at the University of North Dakota where he earned a master's degree in physics. He met his wife, Leila, there and their first child was born in North Dakota while Dr. Kishta was a faculty member at the university.

In 1970, Dr. Kishta enrolled in the doctoral program at the University of Iowa where he met fellow GSU staff members Dr. Leon Zalewski and Dr. Donna Siemro. After completing his dissertation in 1974, Dr. Kishta moved his family to Jordan, but two years later, he decided to return to the United States.

He applied to GSU for a job, but the university wanted an interview, and Dr. Kishta couldn't afford the trip. He

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Mohammed Kishta

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Piucci co-chairing International AAUA conference

Dr. Virginio Piucci, vice president of administration and planning, has announced a call for papers for the 3rd Annual International American Association of University Administrators Conference in Innsbruck, Austria, in September. He is co-chairing the meeting.

Topics include university organization, centralization, financial issues, external and internal governance, partnerships, research parks, corporate training, privatization, external funding and satellite technology.

For details, call Dr. Piucci on extension 2346.

Four GSU staff members enter the political arena

Several GSU staff members have entered the political arena. **John Ostenburg**, director of university relations, is a Democratic candidate for state representative from the 80th District, and **Dr. Robert Donaldson**, professor of public administration, is a Democratic candidate for the 29th House seat.

Chris Cochran, director of the Small Business Development Center, is campaigning as a **Sen. Tom Harkin** delegate and **Peg Donohue**, coordinator of community college relations, is campaigning as a **Sen. Bob Kerrey** delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Both are from the 11th Congressional District.

New cafeteria entrance makes pleasant difference

What a difference remodeling at the cafeteria entrance has made. Although some of the dark paneling was removed before the fall trimester began, workmen found it impossible to complete the job because of the continuous foot traffic in the area.

Over the Christmas holidays, Physical Plant Operations crew members **Bill Kelly**, **Cliff Sullivan**, **Bill Gregory**, **Dennis Hickey** and **Jack Fahey** installed additional lighting and extended the gray cafeteria tiling into the entrance/exit areas and around the soda pop machines, and changed some of the plumbing for the fire sprinkler system. The crew was supervised by PPO Director **Mike Foley**.

Green's class will draw political guests to campus

Special political guests are coming to campus as part of **Dr. Paul Green's** "U.S. and Illinois Elections" class meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Guests include Illinois **Secretary of State George Ryan** on March 5; political consultant **Don Rose** and Northwestern University **Professor William Crotty** on March 12; DuPage County Board **President Aldo Botti** on March 19; Illinois **Lt. Gov. Robert Kustra** on March 26; **Mark Hornung** of *Crain's Chicago Business* on April 2; political consultant **David Axelrod** on April 9; and political reporters **Rick Bryant** of the *Southtown Economist* and **Frank Shuftan** of *Star Newspapers* on April 16.

For details on these highly charged discussions, call **Beverly Goldberg** of The Institute for Public Policy and Administration on extension 2267.

Neediest students directly affected by state cuts

About 300 GSU students are being directly affected by the state budget cuts. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission has been forced to reduce its Monetary Award Program (MAP) by 12 percent this trimester. The MAP grants are given to GSU's most needy students. **Doug McNutt**, director of financial aid, said GSU's allocation has been reduced by approximately \$21,600.

GSUings...

(correction)...**Dr. David Matteson** (CE), co-presenting on "Male Partners of Incest Survivors" at the annual alumni conference of the Chicago Family Institute with co-presenter **Madeline Rich**, clinical director of the Chicago YMCA...**Dr. Jon Carlson** (CE), giving the opening address for the American Association of Counseling and Development in Baltimore in March...**Dr. Shelly Kumar**, CAS, and GSU alumnus **Ronnie Brown** who received the M.S. in Analytical Chemistry, attending the American Chemical Society Chicago section meeting held at Loyola University on Jan. 24 where they did a poster presentation titled "Acyl Migration in the NIH Shift"...**Drs. Debra Huntley** and **Gene Wilson**, both of CE, presenting at the August American Psychological Association conference in Washington, D.C. on the topic, "Implicit and Explicit Memory for Prose after Varying De-lays"...**Jeffery Gilow** (IS/ACS), recently being certified as a network engineer by Novell Networks Computer Systems.

Prof enjoys teaching

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laughs about how he was passed over for **Dr. Siemro** who was offered the job instead. The professor did accept a position at Carlton College in Pennsylvania, but because his wife's family was in North Dakota and his brothers were in Minnesota, he wanted to return to the Midwest.

In 1977, **Dr. Kishta** learned a physics position was opening at GSU. He came to visit with **Dr. Zalewski** and **Dr. Siemro**, arranged for an interview and was offered the job.

Shortly afterward, **Dr. Kishta** and his colleagues **Drs. Zalewski**, **Siemro**, **Otis Lawrence** and **John Hockett** (who recently retired) developed the science education curriculum.

Dr. Kishta also shared his other specialty, cognitive theories of learning, with GSU students.

Today **Dr. Kishta**, his wife and their seven children live in Glenwood.

Weekend College enrollments growing

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But Dr. Candeloro believes the program in general is a boon to GSU. For example, 24 percent of the students had never attended GSU before, and 18 percent are returning to GSU after having dropped out for more than two trimesters.

A key 11 percent said they would not have registered at GSU if Weekend College did not exist.

An overwhelming 76 percent of the students take GSU classes during the week. Also, 31 percent of the students said Weekend College has allowed them to take additional hours. About 50 percent of the respondents said they will take at least half of their GSU classes in the Weekend College format.

"Weekend College expands the week and uses the limited physical resources of the university effectively," Dr.

Candeloro says.

Comments have generally been favorable. Students say Weekend College "is a flexible program for working adults," "is a good alternative to coming here after work," and "it's given me incentive to complete my degree."

The average Weekend College enrollee is married, works more than 30 hours per week and is pursuing a bachelor's degree.

They've also asked for more courses and for the cafeteria, child care center, library, computer resources and book store to remain open to serve them.

"We started Weekend College as an experiment, and I believe it's proved its worth. The fact that we can get more than 700 students to come to campus Fridays and Saturdays tells us there is a need for this program," the director adds.

SMA students gain job skills in GSU work

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In the past, they would have continued the training at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, one of the CAP sites, but staff wanted a new environment for the students; one in which they could be among people their own age and get on-the job training.

SMA teacher Julie Chapman, a GSU alumna who with aide Linda Headley works with the four at GSU, said the university has been an ideal setting. A trip to the cafeteria, for example, has become a learning experience for the four who now recognize words on the menu, review basic math skills by totalling their bill, and sit and socialize in an open environment.

They are learning introductory computer skills in the Academic Computer Center, and have made numerous trips to the library. The four also use the pool, for both physical therapy and recreation.

"Coming to GSU has been a wonderful experience," Chapman said. The SMA staff had some ideas of what would happen here, but they say their expectations have been surpassed.

Even the parents are noticing a difference. For example, one student now is paying attention to his appearance and wants to do his own shopping for clothes. Another student, who rarely had anything to say, goes home with wonderful stories about what he did that day.

"I think what our students and GSU students are discovering by being together is that there are more similarities than differences," Chapman said.

She is working closely with Dr. Maribeth Kasik, professor of special education who is the GSU liaison. The SMA program at GSU also is being used as a practicum for special education majors.

Efforts awarded at GSU

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as recruitment, admissions, enrollment, employment, retention and support services to enlarge access and broaden the representation of women, minorities and persons with disabilities in traditionally underrepresented areas within the university.

Nominees must have developed and conducted programs to meet the special needs of faculty, staff or students who are members of traditionally underrepresented groups within the university.

Nominees must have fostered an atmosphere conducive to informal resolution of cultural diversity and affirmative action concerns.

Nominees must have provided cre-

ative solutions and positive results in activities that enhance cultural diversity and affirmative action.

Nominations can be sent to Glen Abbott, special assistant to the president and affirmative action officer. The GSU Advisory Committee for Cultural Diversity and Affirmative Action will review the nominations and make the awards.

Award winners will be recognized at the April 10 awards banquet in the Hall of Honors. The guest speaker will be Dr. Nancy "Rusty" Barcelo, assistant dean for academic affairs and associate director of opportunity at the University of Iowa.

For more information, contact Abbott on extension 2339.

Get Well Wishes

To Dr. Judy Cooney (CE), who is recuperating from surgery. Greetings can be sent to her at 3502 Huntley Terrace, Crete, IL 60417.

To Angie Goss (BO), who is recuperating from surgery. Greetings can be sent to her at 237 Chestnut, South Chicago Heights, IL 60411.

Groundbreaking held for new ECN building

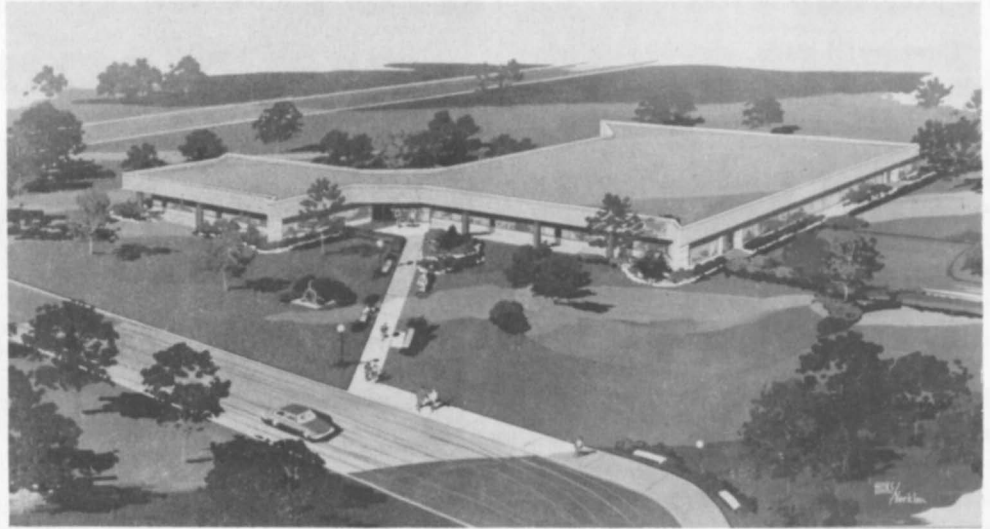
Groundbreaking for construction of a 20,000 square-foot building to house the Cooperative Computer Center (CCC) and the Educational Computer Network (ECN) building was held recently.

The new facility will be located just north of the new Physical Plant Operations (PPO) building on campus.

ECN and CCC serve the computer needs of the five Board of Governors Universities institutions. Most of its operations are housed at Elmhurst College, although ECN and CCC do have space on GSU's second floor.

Dr. Virginio Piucci, vice president of administration and planning, said a proposal to move the operations onto campus proved cost-effective.

No GSU-allocated state dollars will be used for construction of the building. A special 30-year tax-exempt financing



arrangement with a financial institution allows the regular ECN/CCC rental payments to cover the \$2.1 million construction cost.

The general contractor for the project

will be Joseph Construction of Lynwood, Ill. This firm recently completed the bricking work on GSU's facade. The building should be completed within the year.

Computer discounts available

As a Governors State employee, you can purchase computers, printers and cellular phones at a discount.

IBM offers PS/2 computer and mouse packages. Purchasing and financing options are available through its collegiate merchandising program. Options include computers preloaded with IBM DOS 5.0, Microsoft Windows 3.0 and Microsoft Entertainment Pack for Windows.

The IBM Academic Solutions package includes the DOS and Microsoft options as well as METZ File F/X, Reference Software Grammatik, DC MicroApps and Formula Editor. The Advanced Academic Solutions package includes all those options plus Corel/DRAW 2.0, foreign language keyboard mapping utility and formula editor.

The Hewlett Packard PaintJet color

graphics print, IBM Proprinter 24P and the IBM LaserPrinter E are available, as is the Roland Desktop Music System.

For further information, call **Dave Traub**, the IBM collegiate merchandising specialist, at (312) 245-4185.

Venning Enterprises/Cellular One is offering five models of Motorola cellular phones starting at \$99. The service fee is \$15 per month, and the rates are 29 cents in prime time and 16 cents in off hours. The minimum service period is one year.

The free package for one year includes detailed billing, voice mail and pager outcall, call forwarding, call waiting, conference call and free insurance.

Call Venning Enterprises at (708) 382-0492 or 0498 for details.

Veterans of Innovation

(for February)

1971	Lowell Culver (CBPA)
1972	Ken Wieg (CE)
1973	Ann Glascoff (UL)
1975	Marlene Anderson (PERS)
1977	Mohammed Kishta (CAS), Michael Knabjian (PPO)
1982	Beverly Kyser (CELCS)
1984	Marie Bertz (CHP)
1985	Elaine Sherman (DPA)
1986	Jacqueline Trubac (A&P)

Smiling works!

Smiling really works— even via the telephone.

According to **Dennis Zorn**, a San Francisco telephone consultant featured in a recent edition of *Office Systems '91*, smiling, whether you feel happy or not, realigns the throat muscles, causing the mouth to be more open and the jaws less tense.

The end result, he says, is a softer voice and more pleasing vocal tone that people can "hear," even on the telephone. That tends to make callers unconsciously mirror the voice and smile back.

Staff Directory Changes

Barbara Stapleton is now a library technical assistant III in the University Library and can be reached on extension 2236.

Please delete **Mary Ellen Fawk** and **Daniel Amari** from your directory.

Writer's workshop returns to GSU

"Literary Chicago," a weekend workshop in fiction, poetry and the essay, is returning to GSU Feb. 21, 22 and 23.

The weekend program for experienced and novice writers is organized by **Dr. Deborah Holdstein**, professor of English and rhetoric, who has assembled a panel of outstanding writers to lead the workshops and give free readings of their works for the public.

The workshop opens with a reception at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 21 for photographer **Lynne Brown** whose 40 photographs and found art will be on display in the GSU Infinity Gallery. The show was organized by **Professor Jay Boersma**.

Fiction writers **David Michael Kaplan** and **Angela Jackson** will read selections from their works at 7:30 p.m. that evening.

The workshop officially begins at 9 a.m. Feb. 22 when participants will meet with workshop leaders for discussion and input on their writing.

At 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 the public is invited to hear poets **Li-Young Lee** and **Edward Hirsch** and essayist **S.L. Wisenberg** read from their works.

The workshop resumes at 9 a.m. Feb. 23 and concludes with a 2:30 p.m. reading of the best works of participants.

For information on this workshop, call **Dr. Dominic Candeloro** on extension 2320.

BGU receives grant to assist crime victims



Illinois Attorney General Roland W. Burris, left, presents a check for \$45,000 to Robert Ruiz, chairman of the Board of Governors Universities, at a recent meeting with university presidents. Universities will use the money to assist students and others who are the victims of crime on campus. The Attorney General's Office administers a statewide grant program to assist crime victims.

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